Girl child labour

466. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of girl child labour in the country ;

(b) whether Government have any information in regard to the conditions affecting education, employment and sexual exploitation of girl child labour in the country ; and

(c) what measures are being taken by Government to prevent the abuses against girl child labour?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) According to the 43rd round (during July 1987-June 1988) Survey of the National Sample Survey, the number of girl child labour in the country is estimated to be about 7.6 million.

(b) Government is fully aware of the socio-economic circumstances which give rise to the phenomenon of girl child labour and their exploitation.

(c) Apart from the various laws like the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, the Factories Act, 1948, the Mines Act, 1952, the Plantations Labour Act, 1951, etc. which prohibit the employment of children ; Government has launched the National Child Labour Policy, 1987, which includes stricter enforcement of the Laws pertaining to child labour, focussing of general development programmes for benefitting child labour and their families and project based plans of action for child labour.

Appointment of Human Rights Commission in place of Minorities Commission

467. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government have taken any decision to appoint Human Rights Commission in place of the Minorities Commission ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Improvement in quality of milk and its product by NDDB

468. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Ministr of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Dairy Development Board has now decided to improve the quality of milk, butter and other milk products sold in the market to ensure higher profit to farmers and their cooperative societies ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) whether the National Dairy Development Board propose to take some more products other than the milk products to the market ; if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) and (b) Efforts have been made under Operation Flood to maintain the quality of milk and milk products handled by the cooperatives. The research work on milk and milk products in the National

Dairy Development Board (NDDB) covers the following areas :—

(i) Improving the quality of raw milk and manufactured products. (ii) Development of continuous process for manufacture of Khoa, Ghee, Gulabjamun and other indigenous milk products. (iii) Innovations in new products like cheese spread, butter spread and Ultra High Temperature milk and milk products. (iv) Development of packaging system for indigenous milk products to improve their shelflife and enhance their marketability. (v) Development of instrumentation/machines for milk testing, weighing, recording etc.

A number of National Institutions such as National Dairy Research Institute, Indian Veterinary Research Institute etc. are being involved to help improve the quality and marketability of the existing and new products.

(c) Besides milk products, NDDB is also working on partially defatted Groundnut and other oilseed based products such as Groundnut cake, Soyabean cake etc. to improve their quality and nutrition.

Hospitals and Dispensaries for beedi workers

469. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the Hospitals and Dispensaries established for beedi workers in different places ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of these hospitals is inadequate, if so, the reasons therefor ; and the steps being taken in this regard ; and

(c) whether Government are aware that the doctors posted at various dispensaries set up for beedi workers extort money from the patients and drain out the drugs and medicines?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) A statement showing, State-wise, the number of hospitals and dispensaries is attached. (*See* below.)

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

Statement

State-wise number of Hospitals and Dispensaries

S. No.	Region	State	No. of Dispensaries	No. of Hospitals	No. of Chest Clinics
1	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh	10	..	..
		Tamil Nadu	10	..	..
2	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	22	..	..
3	Bangalore	Karnataka	19	1	..
		Kerala	8	..	..
4	Bhilwara	Gujarat	6	..	..
		Rajasthan	10	..	..